23.	Kerala	79,128
24.	Pondicherry	514
	Total:-	11,00180

[Translation]

PROF. PREM DHUMAL: Mr. Speaker, Sir, the figures given by the hon. Minister in regard to the number of Ex-servicemen reveal that he does not possess verified figures. I wonder, in such circumstances as to how the Government would do welfare of Ex-servicemen. Part (a) of my question is whether the Government proposes to take measures in future to make the information in regard to Ex-servicemen available at the time of census so that the cases of those widows who do not get pension are settled. Part (b) of my question is whether the Govt. will consider to give employment in para military forces on priority basis to such Ex-servicemen who have not been able to complete the full term of their service due to unavailable circumstances.

[English]

SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR: Sir, the figure 11 lakh given is the number of pensioners. The number of ex-servicemen is about 43 lakhs as per the statistics collected from the State Governments. We have, from the Defence Ministry, requested information on ex-servicemen to be added, to the questionnaire used during the census. They have done that. We hope that the census figures will be available very shortly and then the exact figure of ex-servicemen will be known to us.

As regard the latter para of the supplementary, I can only say that the request can be considered on merits.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[English]

Privatisation of NTC Mills

*817. SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal regarding privatisation of some of the textile mills which are at present under the National Textile Corporation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Common Examination for Recruitment of Probationary Officers in Nationalised Banks.

* 818. SHRI RAM NARESH SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of examinations conducted separately in 1990-91 for recruitment of Probationary Officers in the different nationalised banks;

(b) the expenditure incurred on conducting these examinations;

(c) whether there is any proposal to hold a common examination for recruitment of probationary officers by all the nationalised banks, and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) According to the information received from the ten Banking Service Recruitment Boards, who recruit officers for various